



**State of Louisiana**  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary

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Jennifer Ryan  
Acting Director, Children & Adults Health Programs Group  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)  
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Dear Ms. Ryan:

In accordance with applicable regulations at 42 C.F.R. §431.412(c), and per the telephone conference held with representatives from CMCS on May 31, 2013, please accept this letter as official notification that the State of Louisiana intends to apply for an extension of its Section 1115(a) Medicaid Demonstration Waiver, called the Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection (GNOCHC), which is set to expire on December 31, 2013.

The State will submit its application based on a commitment by the City of New Orleans, in collaboration with the State, local business and political leaders, and our state legislative delegations, to find and secure the matching funds required to continue the GNOCHC waiver for a period not to exceed three years.

The complete extension request application will be submitted to CMCS by no later than August 15, 2013.

We appreciate your continued willingness to work with us to support and preserve access to essential health care services in the Greater New Orleans region.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kliebert

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